

Service Date: December 7, 1982

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER Of The Application)
Of LITTLE CHICAGO WATER COMPANY) UTILITY DIVISION
For Authority To Transfer The)
Assets And Operating Responsibil-) DOCKET NO. 82.10.71
ities of Little Chicago Water Com-)
pany To Black Eagle Cascade County) ORDER NO. 4472
Water District.)

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 21, 1932, a petition was filed with the Montana Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission, pursuant to jurisdiction established by 69-3-101 et seq., MCA, authorize the transfer of the assets and operating responsibilities of the Little Chicago Water Company to the newly formed Black Eagle Cascade County Water District. The Black Eagle Cascade County Water District proposes to continue water service to all consumers previously supplied by the Little Chicago Water Company at the rates presently in effect. Transfer of the assets will not in itself result in a rate increase, according to the Applicants petition.

2. On November 3, 1982, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing, which was sent to the Montana Consumer Counsel and was published in the "Great Falls Tribune." The Notice gave interested parties until November 29, 1932, to request a hearing on the Application. No such requests were received.

3. A review of the Application indicates no threat to the adequacy or availability of service to the utility's

customers.

4. In its Application, the proposed owner states that it will adopt the rates currently in effect for the Little Chicago Water Company. Thus, the transfer of ownership will not affect rates being paid.

5. The proposed new owner appears to have the financial and other resources necessary to provide adequate service in the future.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This Commission has jurisdiction over the parties and matters contained in this docket.

2. The application demonstrates that transfer of ownership will not result in inadequate service or unreasonable rates.

3. The proposed new owner is fit, willing and able to assume the service responsibilities associated with ownership of the water system now owned by Little Chicago Water System.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
THAT:

1. The Little Chicago Water Company is hereby authorized to transfer its assets and operating responsibilities to Black Eagle Cascade County Water District.

2. Upon transfer, Black Eagle Cascade County Water District shall file tariffs in its name that are identical to those

now on file with the Commission for Little Chicago Water Company.

3. Upon transfer, Black Eagle Cascade County Water District, is ordered to inform the Commission of the terms and conditions of the transfer, including whether the price paid reflects original cost depreciated.

DONE AND DATED this 6th day of December, 1982, by a vote of 5
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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary
(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 28.2.4806, ARM.